

Remarks

Favorable consideration of this application is requested in view of the foregoing amendments and following remarks. Claims 12, 30, 33, 45, 48, and 50 have been amended, and claims 12, 30, 31, 33, 34, 45-50, and 52 are currently pending. Claims 1-11, 13-29, 32, 35-44, and 51 have been canceled, leaving all pending claims in condition for allowance.

The Examiner stated that claims 12, 25, 27-30, 35, 37-40, and 44-50 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejections(s) under 35 U.S.C. § 112, 2nd paragraph, and include all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Further, the Examiner stated that claim 52, as presented was in condition for allowance.

Amended claim 12 has been rewritten in independent form comprising all the features of claim 11 and claim 1 (with claim 1 being amended to overcome the 112, 2nd paragraph rejection), and therefore, is in condition for allowance. Claim 30 has been amended to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, 2nd paragraph, and now rewritten in independent form and comprising all the features of amended claim 1, and therefore, in condition for allowance. Claims 31, 33, and 34 depend from claim 30, and accordingly, in condition for allowance. Claim 45 has been amended to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, 2nd paragraph, and now rewritten in independent form comprising all the features of claim 42 (with claim 42 being amended to overcome the Examiner's objection), and is therefore in condition for allowance. Claims 46-50 depend from claim 45, and accordingly, in condition for allowance.

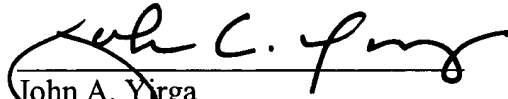
Conclusion

In view the foregoing amendments and remarks, claims 1-11, 13-29, 32, 35-44, and 51 have been canceled leaving all pending claims 12, 30, 31, 33, 34, 45-50, and 52 in condition for allowance, and notice to that effect is respectfully requested. If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge

payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-0630 for additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17; particularly extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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